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Appointment of Mr. Appa Rao as a special officer to enquire into the working of the Translation and Printing Department—High Court.

*771-A *Q.*—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. D. Appa Rao, acting Deputy Registrar of the High Court, was appointed last year as the special officer to enquire into the working of the Translation and the Printing Department, High Court, on a monthly salary of Rs. 1,000;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that immediately before the above appointment, the Retrenchment Committee of the High Court which had also enquired into the working of the Translation and Printing Department had submitted its report;

(*c*) what was the necessity for appointing Mr. D. Appa Rao when there had not been sufficient time for the High Court to consider the report of the Retrenchment Committee;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that this new appointment was created when Mr. D. Appa Rao who had been acting as Deputy Registrar, was about to revert as Assistant Registrar;

(*e*) what were the conclusions arrived at by Mr. D. Appa Rao, how they have been different from those of the Retrenchment Committee and how far they have been given effect to;

(*f*) whether it would not have been possible for the Assistant Registrar to enquire into the working of the Translation and Printing Department as additional work; and

(*g*) whether the Government will see that in making similar appointments due regard will be had to economy?

A.—(*a*) Mr. Appa Rao was so appointed but his salary was Rs. 500 a month.

(*b*) The High Court Reorganisation Committee submitted its report to the Government on the 28th May 1926. The appointment was recommended by the High Court on 14th September 1926 and sanctioned by Government on 20th October 1926.

(*c*) In its report the Committee made certain proposals for the improvement of the Translation and Printing Department which were put into effect at once by the High Court; but it was recognized that the Committee had neither the detailed knowledge nor the time at its disposal to examine the working of the department fully and it was absolutely necessary that a complete and exhaustive examination should be made of the quality and quantity of the work done and of the methods of supervision. A copy of the letter [a] from the High Court R.O.C. No. 3205/26, dated 14th September 1926, is appended.

(*d*) The appointment was sanctioned nearly three months before Mr. Appa Rao was expected to revert as Assistant Registrar.

(*e*) Mr. Appa Rao's report is laid on the table. The Government will consider what action they should take on it when they have received the recommendations of the High Court.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) The Government always has due regard to economy.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV-A on pages 395–397 infra.